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Introduced by:
(JUD)

***AN ACT CONCERNING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN INTAKE,
REFERRAL AND INTERVENTION SYSTEM RELATING TO THE
PROVISION AND DELIVERY OF MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- 1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2013*) (a) Not later than January 1,
2 2014, the Commissioner of Mental Health and Addiction Services shall
3 establish an intake, referral and intervention system that shall be
4 accessible to any person (1) who is eligible for services from the
5 Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services, and (2) whose
6 treatment history reflects that (A) his or her mental health treatment
7 needs have not been adequately addressed by his or her service
8 delivery system, and (B) he or she has not remained actively engaged
9 in receiving needed mental health treatment services.
- 10 (b) When designing the intake, referral and intervention system, the
11 commissioner shall:
- 12 (1) Assign, in collaboration with the Probate Court Administrator,
13 department staff to attend probate court proceedings in the probate

14 districts serving the cities of Hartford, New Haven and Middletown,
15 and such other probate districts as determined by the commissioner.
16 Assigned department staff shall meet with any person eligible for the
17 services made available through the intake, referral and intervention
18 system and link such person to housing services, peer support services
19 and such other services as may be appropriate for his or her needs;

20 (2) Develop and implement a peer support program that (A)
21 promotes ongoing intervention with persons who have not
22 consistently engaged in obtaining mental health treatment services, in
23 order to establish supportive relationships that continue after such
24 persons are discharged from a hospital or treatment facility, and (B)
25 extends to persons in the community who have not consistently
26 engaged in obtaining mental health treatment services, in order to
27 establish supportive relationships for such persons and link such
28 persons to services that are appropriate to their circumstances;

29 (3) Expand access to housing alternatives, by utilizing the Housing
30 First Model for persons who have a history of refusing mental health
31 services in combination with outreach and services provided by
32 Assertive Community Treatment teams;

33 (4) Promote expanded access to respite services as an alternative to
34 emergency room and hospital-based services; and

35 (5) Collaborate with service providers and mental health treatment
36 advocates to increase awareness about the use of advance directives by
37 persons who receive services from the department and provide referral
38 services to such persons relating to the preparation of such advance
39 directives.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	July 1, 2013	New section

Statement of Purpose:

To require the Commissioner of Mental Health and Addiction Services to establish an intake, referral and intervention system relating to the provision and delivery of mental health services.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]